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S. 2850

To permit the use of Federal funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program to be used to remediate damage from the installation of tainted drywall, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 8, 2009

Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Chinese Drywall
5 Homeowners Assistance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO REMEDIATE DAMAGE**
2 **DONE BY TAINTED DRYWALL.**

3 (a) ROAD HOME PROGRAM.—Notwithstanding any
4 other provision of law, any Federal funds provided to the
5 Road Home Program created by the Louisiana Recovery
6 Authority and funded by amounts made available to the
7 State of Louisiana from the community development block
8 grant program under title I of the Housing and Commu-
9 nity Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.)
10 may be used to provide any resident of the State of Lou-
11 isiana, whether a participant or nonparticipant in the
12 Road Home Program, with such monetary assistance as
13 may be necessary to repair or replace tainted drywall.

14 (b) CDBG AMOUNTS.—Notwithstanding any other
15 provision of law, including any provision under title I of
16 the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
17 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), the Secretary of Housing and
18 Urban Development may permit any State or unit of gen-
19 eral local government receiving assistance pursuant to sec-
20 tion 106 of such Act to use such assistance to provide
21 homeowners residing in such State or unit of general local
22 government with such monetary assistance as may be nec-
23 essary to repair or replace tainted drywall.

24 (c) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
25 “tainted drywall” means drywall that—

1 (1) was manufactured in the People's Republic
2 of China;

3 (2) was imported into the United States during
4 the period beginning on January 1, 2004, and end-
5 ing on December 31, 2008; and

6 (3) contains elevated levels of sulphur or stron-
7 tium.

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